

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice amended) A method for collecting electronic receipts for purchases, comprising the steps of:

- (a) conducting a sales transaction between a buyer and a seller;
- (b) generating an electronic sales receipt including detailed information describing the items purchased and including information indicating completion of the transaction;
- (c) transmitting the sales receipt via a computer network to a computing device operated by or on behalf of the buyer, the buyer being presented via a user interface of the device with a representation of the detailed information describing the items purchased, and a representation of the information indicating completion of the transaction;
- (d) performing steps a, b and c for [each of] a plurality of transactions, no transaction of the plurality of transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of transactions; [and]
- (e) storing in a centralized database [accessible by buyers] a record of each sales receipt generated for each transaction of the plurality of transactions; and
- (f) accessing by a selected buyer the records of sales receipts associated with the selected buyer, and stored in the centralized database.

2. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- generating aggregate information in response to stored receipts; and
- providing the aggregate information to one of the sellers.

3. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- one of the buyers remotely searching the centralized database in response to search criteria including limiting found records to those of receipts for transactions in which the one of the buyers participated;
- retrieving the found records; and
- transmitting representations of the found records to the one of the buyers.

4. (Original) The method claimed in claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
the one of the buyers adding information to a found record; and
associating the added information with the found record in the database.
5. (Original) The method claimed in claim 3, further comprising the step of the one of the buyers downloading information in the found records to financial software as indications of purchases.
6. (Twice amended) A system for collecting electronic receipts for purchases, comprising:
a server computer coupled to a computer network, the server computer including:
a receipt generator generating an electronic sales receipt in response to indication of completion of a sales transaction between a buyer and a seller, the sales receipt including detailed information describing the items purchased and including information indicating completion of the transaction, the receipt generator transmitting the sales receipt via the network to a computing device operated by or on behalf of the buyer, the buyer being presented via a user interface of the device with a representation of the detailed information describing the items purchased and a representation of the information indicating completion of the transaction; and
a receipt handler responding to requests received via the network from buyers and sellers; [and]
a database controlled by the receipt handler [and accessible by buyers] in which is storable a record of each sales receipt generated [for each of] a plurality of transactions, no transaction of the plurality of transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of transactions, and wherein a selected buyer may access the records of sales receipts associated with the selected buyer and stored in the database by submitting a request to the receipt handler.

7. (Original) The system claimed in claim 6, wherein the receipt handler generates aggregate information in response to stored receipts and provides the aggregate information to one of the sellers.

8. (Original) The system claimed in claim 6, wherein the receipt handler, in response to a query received from one of the buyers remotely searches the database in response to search criteria including limiting found records to those of receipts for transactions in which the one of the buyers participated, the receipt generator retrieving the found records and transmitting representations of the found records to the one of the buyers.

9. (Original) The system claimed in claim 8, wherein the receipt handler receives additional information from the one of the buyers and associates the additional information with the found record in the database.

10. (Original) The system claimed in claim 8, wherein the receipt handler responds to a request received from a buyer by downloading information in the found records to financial software as indications of purchases.

11. (Twice amended) A computer program product for collecting electronic receipts for purchases, the computer program product comprising a computer-usable medium carrying thereon:

(a) means for conducting a sales transaction between buyer and a seller;

(b) means for generating an electronic sales receipt including detailed information describing the items purchased and including information indicating completion of the transaction;

(c) means for transmitting the sales receipt via a computer network to a computing device operated by or on behalf of the buyer, the buyer being presented via a user interface of the device with a representation of the detailed information describing the items purchased, and a representation of the information indicating completion of the transaction; [and]

(d) means for storing in a centralized database [accessible by buyers] a record of each sales receipt generated for [each transaction of] a plurality of transactions, no transaction of the plurality of transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of transactions; and

(e) means for accessing by a selected buyer the records of sales receipts associated with the selected buyer, and stored in the centralized database.

12. (Original) The computer program product claimed in claim 11, further comprising means for generating aggregate information in response to stored receipts and providing the aggregate information to one of the sellers.

D 13. (Original) The computer program product claimed in claim 11, further comprising search means for one of the buyers remotely searching the centralized database in response to search criteria including limiting found records to those of receipts for transactions in which the one of the buyers participated, retrieving the found records, and transmitting representations of the found records to the one of the buyers.

14. (Original) The computer program product claimed in claim 13, further comprising information adding means for the one of the buyers adding information to a found record and associating the added information with the found record in the database.

15. (Original) The computer program product claimed in claim 13, further comprising downloading means for downloading information in the found records to financial software as indications of purchases.

D 16. (New) A method for collecting electronic receipts for purchases, comprising the steps of:
(a) conducting a sales transaction between a buyer and a seller;
(b) generating an electronic sales receipt including detailed information describing the items purchased and including information indicating completion of the transaction;

(c) performing steps a, b and c for a plurality of transactions, no transaction of the plurality of transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of transactions;

(d) storing in a centralized database a record of each sales receipt generated for each transaction of the plurality of transactions; and

(e) transferring from the centralized database at least one record of sales receipts associated with a selected buyer into a finance management system.

17. (New) A method for collecting electronic receipts for purchases, comprising the steps of:

(a) conducting a sales transaction between a buyer and a seller;

(b) generating an electronic sales receipt including detailed information describing the items purchased and a link to supplemental information for at least one item purchased, and including information indicating completion of the transaction;

(c) performing steps a, b and c for a plurality of transactions, no transaction of the plurality of transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of transactions;

(d) storing in a centralized database a record of each sales receipt generated for each transaction of the plurality of transactions;

(e) selecting a record in the centralized database associated with a selected buyer; and

(f) displaying on the user interface the supplemental information associated with the at least one item purchased as stored in the selected record.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the supplemental information comprises warranty information associated with the at least one item purchased

19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the supplemental information comprises a manual associated with the at least one item purchased.

20. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the supplemental information comprises rebate information associated with the at least one item purchased.

21. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the supplemental information comprises recall information associated with the at least one item purchased.
22. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the supplemental information comprises accessory information associated with the at least one item purchased.
23. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the supplemental information comprises product return information associated with the at least one item purchased.
24. (New) A method for collecting electronic receipts for purchases, comprising the steps of:
- (a) conducting a sales transaction between a buyer and a seller;
 - (b) generating an electronic sales receipt including detailed information describing the individual items purchased including price, any related discounts or promotions, any tax collected or tax exempt status and all financial settlement details indicating completion of the transaction;
 - (c) performing steps a, b and c for a plurality of transactions, no transaction of the plurality of transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of transactions;
 - (d) storing in a centralized database a record of each sales receipt generated for each transaction of the plurality of transactions;
 - (f) performing, for a selected buyer, customer self service applications with respect to a selected record associated with the selected buyer stored in the centralized database, the customer self service applications selected from a group consisting of: transferring the selected record between the centralized database and a finance management system; retrieving warranty information for an item in the selected record; retrieving a manual for an item in the selected record; retrieving rebate information for an item in the selected record; retrieving recall information for an item in the selected record; retrieving accessory information for an item in the selected record; and retrieving product return information for an item in the selected record.

25. (New) A system for collecting electronic receipts for a plurality of sales transactions between buyers and sellers, comprising:

(a) means for generating an electronic sales receipt including detailed information describing the items purchased in each sales transaction, and including information indicating completion of the transaction, wherein no transaction of the plurality of sales transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of sales transactions;

(b) a centralized database for storing a record of each sales receipt generated for each transaction of the plurality of sales transactions; and

(c) transferring from the centralized database at least one record of sales receipts associated with a selected buyer into a finance management system.

26. (New) A system for collecting electronic receipts for a plurality of sales transactions between buyers and sellers, comprising:

(a) means for generating an electronic sales receipt for each sales transaction including detailed information describing the items purchased and a link to supplemental information for at least one item purchased, and including information indicating completion of the transaction, wherein no transaction of the plurality of sales transactions occurring between the same buyer and seller as any other transaction of the plurality of sales transactions;

(b) centralized database for storing a record of each sales receipt generated for each transaction of the plurality of sales transactions;

(c) means for selecting a record in the centralized database associated with a selected buyer; and

(d) means for displaying to the selected user the supplemental information associated with the at least one item purchased as stored in the selected record.